REDEEMING MAINE.

SUCCESSFUL REPUBLICAN TACTICS. BOTH ROUSES OF THE LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED BY REPUBLICANS-AN APPEAL TO BE MADE TO THE COURTS-AN ACTING GOVERNOR WHO CANNOT

Last evening the Republican members of the Maine Legislature went to the State House and organized both Houses. There were 18 Senators, and one was admitted from Lincoln County; there were 85 members of the House, and 6 others were admitted. Joseph A. Locke, of Cumberland, was chosen President of the Senate, and George E. Weeks, of Augusta, Speaker of the House. A joint committee will prepare a case to be submitted to the Court as to the legality of the organization. James D. Lamson, President of the Fusion Senate, was sworn in as acting Governor, but General Chamberlain will not recognize him.

A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE. BOTH HOUSES ORGANIZED LAST EVENING-JOSEPH

A. LOCKE CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THE SEN-AIF, AND GEORGE E. WEEKS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE-AN APPEAL TO THE COURT.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 12 .- At twenty minutes before 6 this evening the Republican members of the Senate and House of Repre sentatives proceeded to the State House for the purpose of organizing the Legislature. The movement was entirely unknown to the Fusionists, and only a few of the Republicans, outside of the immediate members, were aware of the position of affairs. The news that the Republicans had taken possession of the State House spread rapidly, and caused great rejoleing among the Republicans, who have been impatient to have just this result brought about.

Mr. Lamson, President of the Senate, when he saw the people assembling, proceeded to General Chamberlain' bendquarters, and excitedly said, "I protest against these men coming in l The General informed Mr. Lamson that he should permit the men to come in and stay as long as they pleased. There was no forcible resistance whatever. The halls were lighted, minor officers of the provious Legislatures familiar with the premises taking hold and lending their assistance.

In the Scenate Jeremiah Dingley, jr., called the meeting to order and Austin Harris was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. But, ler, a member of the House. Charles W. Turner, esq., Assistant Secretary of the last Senate, called the roll and eighteen Senators responded to the call. A quorum was announced present, all being Republicans, who proceeded to qualify, the oath being administered by the Hon.

Andrew R. S. Smith was declared Senator from Lincoln County on the face of the returns.

Joseph A. Locke was chosen president, receiving ill the votes cast-19.

Charles W. Tilden was chosen secretary, and Geo. E. Brackett, of Belfast, assistant secretary. Chas. I. Lovejoy was chosen messenger, and A. B. T. Chadbourne assistant messenger.

The following order was passed:

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Ordered, That a committee, consisting of three menibers of the Senate, he appointed by the President,
to report to the Senate for its action whether
the Senate shall call upon the Justices
of the Supreme Court for their opinion
outhing the legal organization of the Senate for
the Fifty-ninth Legislature, and to report for the
action of the Senate such questions as the law and
the facts require in the premises.

The members of the House were called to The members of the House were called to

order by Mr. Hale. Mr. Wentworth, of Kittery. was made temporary chairman and Oxamandal Smith clerk, who called the roll of the fiembers-elect. All the Republicans responded, but

count of defects, amended under the law of 1877, were admitted by a resolution submitted by Mr. Stront. George E. Weeks, of Augusta, was elected

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After organization, Mr. Hale offered a similar resolution to that passed by the Senate, calling for the appointment of a committee to request the orinion of the Supreme Judicial Court as to the legality of the organization of the House. In making the resolves Mr. Hale spoke of the extraordinary circumstances under which they met; said that the object of the organization was to settle the vital questions affecting the organization of the Legislature and State government, and the House will aboy the decision of the court.

PLAYING AT GOVERNOR. JAMES D. LAMSON, PRESIDENT OF THE FUSION SEN-

ATF, SWORN IN AS ACTING GOVERNOR Augusta, Me., Jan. 12 .- On the assembling of the Senate this morning President Lamson sent a letter announcing that he had assumed the duties of Governer. The letter was the same as was telegraphed last night. Senator Ellis, of Waldo, was

thesen President pro tem. The Committee on Gubernatorial votes reported the following votes as thrown at the last September election. Whole number of votes 138,807; necessary to a choice, 69,404; Daniel F. Davis had 68,770, Joseph L. Smith, 47,469; Alonzo Garcelon, 21.841; Bion Bradbury, 263; Daniel F. Davis, 200. The remainder are scattering, and the consti-Smith, Alonzo Garcelon and Bion Bradbury.

On the properition of the Senate to hold a joint convention for the purpose of qualifying the acting Governor, Mr. Locke, of Camberland, made a long speech, in which he reviewed the action of the Governor and Council, and took up the cases of the counted-out members and the grounds

upon which they were counted out. Mr. Locke claimed that the certificates issued by the Governor and Council to those not chosen were not legal, and the acts passed by such a body would not be recognized by the courts or obeyed by the

people. Messrs. Barker and Strickland replied, claiming that to all intents and purposes this is a legal Legislature, the members holding certificates from the Governor and Council; they meant, as honorable

Governor and Council; they meant, as honorable gentlemen, to do the fair thing when an investigation should take place before the proper committee of the Legislature.

The joint convention was formed, and in presence of the Secretary of State and several members of the Council, John D. Lamson took the oath and was preclaimed Acting Governor of the State. Only sixty members were present in the House, and it adjourned without transacting any business.

It is announced that the Fusionists will proceed at once to the election of Governor and all State officers. This is the general feeling.

GENERAL CHAMBERLAIN IN COMMAND. THE AUTHORITY OF NO ONE CHOSEN BY THE

FUSION LUGISLATURE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE MILITIA-GENERAL ORDER NO. 3. Augusta, Me., Jan. 12.-It having been

nounced that James D. Lamson, President of the Senate, would this morning assume the duties of Governor, General Chamberlain stated that he should positively refuse to recognize his claims to that position, and, furthermore, he would recognize no one as Governor who should be chosen by the Legislature as then constituted.

General Chamberlain has since issued the follow

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION M. M., ?
AUGUSTA, Jan. 12, 1880. }
[General Order No. 3.]
First—The attention of all military organizations with the service of the State, and of all men hable to military duty in this State is directed to the following orders.

STATE OF MAINE,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
ADGUSTA. Jau. 5, 1880.

Piral—The several countries of this State are constiued into the First Division of militia of Maine.

Second—Major-General Joshna L. Chamberlain is assigned to the command of the First Division.

Third—The commanding officers of all military organizations necepted into the service of the State are required to report to him. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

cordingly.

By order of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

8. D. LEAVITT, Adjutant-General.

S. D. LEAVITT, Adjutant-General,
STATE OF MAINE, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, (
AUGUSTA, Jun. 5, 1880. 5)
[Special Order No. 45.]
Major-General Joshun L. C. Chamberlain is hereby authorized and directed to protect public property and institutions of Sinte until my successor is duly quantied.

ALONZO GARCELOS, GOVERNOR.

ALONZO GARCELON, GOVERNOR

Second—I am now discharging the duties thus develved on me in protecting public property and institutions of the State until a Governor is legally elected and duly qualified.

Third—Particular attention is called to the law rendering it unlawful for any body of men other than the regularly organized corps of the milities, without authority expressly given, to associate themselves together as a military company organization, or to persole in multic with arms.

themselves together as a military commany organization, or to parade in public with arms.

Fourth—All persons and organizations will take notice accordingly, and all authorized military organizations will understand that they are to report to me for orders until they are otherwise.

ordered by or through me.

Joshua L. Chamberlain,
Major-General.

Frank E. Nye, Major and A. A. G. THE BRIBERY CHARGES.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE FUSION

Augusta, Me., Jan. 12. -The House Committee investigate the charges of attempted bribery met in the Representatives' Hall. H. R. White was summoned to appear, but did not respond. He declined to recognize the authority of the Committee. Swan and Harriman reiterated in substance their affidavits and state ticulars. Swan said he first learned of the bribery through J. O. White, a relative of H. R. Winte, Solon Chase testified that Swan called upon him at midnight of the 5th inst. at the residence of his consin. M. V. B. Chascalled him up and consulted him in regard to the going to take the \$1,000 and promise to do what he was asked to for the sake of exposing the transaction. Chase advised him to go a read, it appeared that no other parties witnessed the transaction in either case. Harriman testified that he at first heatisted about going into the business, but after consulting Gove and others concluded to do so. The investigation will be communed to contrared.

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

GOVERNOR FOSTER INAUGURATED. HE BEBURES THE MISUSE OF THE PARDONING POWER.

o'clock, in the presence of a large assemblace, maillar, and cryll, gathered from all portions of the State. The torm, the streets being filled with slush and mud vords as the chosen ruler of the State.

Governor-elect Foster delivered a brief inaugural address. He sud that he had little to add to recommendations by his immediate and distinguished prodessor. He emphasized ex-Governor history's suggestions under the headings of Fonal lastitutions. Insane Asysimus, Board of State Charides, State University and Ono River Navigation, dwelling particularly upon the wise distriction which should be exercised in using the executive power of pardoning criminals. He thought that protection of society demanded that criminals should be under to four the certainly of convection, coupled with the almost hopelessees of executive clemency. He recommended the establishment of an Advisary Board of Pardons.

The latter stage-tion is regarded as levelled at ex-Governor Rishop, who has been exercising executive elemency for the last few months at the rate of nearly one pardon in every two days, extending over sentences for life down to sentences for two years. Governor-clock Foster delivered a brief inaugural

THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

man B. Oviatt, of Monmouth, was nominated to the Fusionists did not. Eighty-four members of the House responded to the call, and were qualified by William Stration. Clerk of the Court of Kennebec County.

Subsequently six members who were not by the face of the returns elected on necount of defects amended, under the law of 1572. speaker; Cummings O. Cooper, of Morris, for clerk;

IOWA NEARLY OUT OF DERT. vened to-day. Governor Gear's blemnial message show a State debt of \$545,435; the payment of which he re-commends at maturity, July 1st, 1881, to tree the State entirely of debt. He also recommends a chance in the date of holding the State elections to coincide with the National date for Congressional elections.

NEW LOUISIANA OFFICERS. New-Orleans, Jan. 12.-In the Senate to-

ay, Lieutenant-Governor Wiltz presiding, John Clegg was elected Secretary. In the House, R. N. Ogden, of Orleans, was elected speaker. THE UTES IN WASHINGTON.

A SECRET CONFERENCE WITH OURAY BY THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. [GENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.] Washington, Jan. 12 .- Secretary Schurz had a long conference with Chief Ouray of the Ute Indians to-lay. The examination of the entire delegation will probably not occur for a day or two The Secretary said in reply to an inquiry anything regarding his conference with Oaray, and that he had not yet decided whether he would hold an open

he had not yet decided whether he would hold an open council with the entire detection of Indians or not.

Imamuch as it has been stated that the Indians are being guarded as captives, the Secretary desired to amounce that such was not the intention of the Department. The Indians, he said, were here as a delegation, and would be treated as such, but in view of the rough testiment they had received at the several railroad denots of transfer, while on their way to this city, and as some of them were unwell, he thought it best that they be given ample time for rest and receiveration before they are approached by citizens or representatives of the press.

The Secretary remarked, incidentally, "There will be plenty of material for publication in this connection in a few days."

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General Adams, of the Los Penos Commission, arrived in the city to-day.

Representative Scales, chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, says his committee will take up the Ute question and examine the Ute chiefs new in Washington, as soon as the Secretary of the Interior ges through with them. The committee, he says, proposes to examine each conief separately for the purpose of ascernating if possible the real cause of the recent outbreak and to give the chiefs an opportunity to vent the grievances of their people.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 .- A special dispatch to The Call from Freeno, which is about 160 mile southwest of this city, says: "The line of totality o the eclipse of the sun passed ten miles north of th place. The weather was perfectly clear. At 2:45 the first contact was visible, and at 3:53 the obscuration

" As the last ray of sunlight disappeared, a corons of clear white light, entirely encircling the moon, flashed into view, brilliant at the edge of the moon and paling toward the outer limit of the halo. Next along the border, on the lower left third of the moon, appeared an irregular frange of brilliant, sparkling primitive red and purple light, while at the top of the moon there was a bright yellow triangle of light equal in height to one-sixth of the diameter of the dise; a similar but smaller triangle appeared at the centre of the right side of the moon, and from the upper and lower right side broad laint rays were projected. This appearance lasted thirty-one seconds, the corona remaining one minute longer. The sun disappeared behind the Coast Range before the cellipse had entirely passed.

**O During the obscuration the horses of the party of observers showed signs of extreme uneasiness, and the fowls of neighboring ranches sought their roosts. At Salinas, where the eclipse was also total, the thermometer feil eight degrees during the time of totality." into view, brilliant at the edge of the moon and paling

THE READING COMPANY'S PROSPECTS.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Jan. 12.—The report of the Reading Ruilroad Company and that of the Coal and Iron Company presented to the shareholders of the former at their annual meeting held to-day, shows a cash deficit in the operations of the two companies of \$970,958 57. as ognicat \$824,950 94 for last year, an increased deficit of \$146,008 63. To this cash deficit must be added the aum of \$1.846,899, being the amount of the year's fixed charges previously paid in scrip. The deficit is due to the low prices of coal prevailing during the year, and the managers present-estimates for the coming year, based upon the improved condition of the coal trade and the general revival of manufacturing

industry, showing an earning capacity for 1880 equal to 12 per cent on the share capital of the company. This same officers as last year were reflected.

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS: is mistrusted, the latter being regarded as a creature of M. Gambetta.

THE INDIAN BUREAU.

CARD FROM MR. HAYT. THE INDIAN COMMISSIONER READY TO ADDE BY THE VERDICT OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN COM-

CLARED TO BE RECKLESSLY MADE AND UNTRUE. To the Editor of The Tribune. SIR: The original attack upon me in your issue of the 22-l of December last was replied to by my telegram of the 22d ult., and the report of interviews held with Messrs. Hogeocamp and Deshler, which were published simultaneously with it on the 23d. They were followed in your issue of the 21th of December with a good and sufficient answer, over my own signature, to the charges so far as they related to me. Various statements since that date have appeared in

THE TRIBUNE, from the same source whence the

first attack came, which did not seem to call for any further reply from me.
When General Fisk announced through Time TRIBUNE his intention to bring charges against me before the Board of Indian Commissioners at its next meeting, I immediately addressed a letter to the president of the Board of Indian Commissioners, stating substantially that, while the Board had no jurisdiction over me, yet I would waive that point and would request the Board to investigate any charges against my official conduct which might be brought before it by General Fisk. After General Fisk had presented his statement to the Board, fair-minded men would have supposed that he would have rested content to try any issue which he had raised before the Board rather than in

the newspapers. the opinion that his charges will vanish into the air before a competent inquiry into the same; and not flaish its exaccuation and report on the subject. In to-day's issue of your paper their appears a state ment that will strike most people as a little wor

It will be borne in mind that for nearly four years I was a member of the Board of Ionian Commidoners, and during that time was well e all its members. On my appointment to the off of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Board una COLUMBUS, Jan. 12.—The inaugural cere-nomies took place at the State Capitol to-day at 2 General Fish is not the Board, although in this c appealed to the Board, and I having agreed to meet him there, no judgment should be formed on his ports upon the que from submitted to it.

In regard to the line of the attack pursued it might be well to state that the charges made are in the form of general allegations, very locally made up, which, if reduced to specific terms and investireckless they are in some particulars it might be stated that some of the allegations refer to matters which occurred before I came into the Indian Office. It is undoubtedly an easy matter to find, among ontractors whose stiempts to defraud the Government have resulted in heavy losses to themselves, and among employes and agents of the Indian service who during the last ,two years have been discharged for cause, material for a venomous attack on the head of the Bureau. A thorough and intelligent examination is being made by a committee of the Board of Indian Fisk. I trust that it will require but a brief time to should be a reply to official representations. The Commissioners into the charges made by General nd to convince the uppreindeed public that the Indian Office has been honestly and efficiently man-

It is not the purpose of this communication to answer the loose charges made by General Fisk in today's TERRUNE, and I respectfully submit that the olumns of a public newspaper are not a good place to determine whether these charges are true or false. I am ready to meet my accuser before the tribunal he has appealed to, and ask him to submit there some proof to sustain his mulicious assertions or hold his peace. General Fisk condemns the present management of the Indian Office. Other gentlemen more competent to form a correct judgment, and having better opportunities to know the facts in the case, come to a different conclusion. Youra respectfully, Washington, D. C., Jan. 12, 1880.

A VESSEL ASHORE AT QUARANTINE.

During the heavy easterly wind which prevalled last night, vessel, at suchor at Quarantine found it necessary to put out two anchors to keep them from drifting; yet notwithstanding several cossels drifted considerably from their moorings. The Norweglan bark Vasco de Cama, which arrived on January 7, dragged her archors and went robors at Quarantine. She will probably come off at high-time

ELIZABETH ORDERED TO PAY UP.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 12. - The Elizabeth City mandamus case was decided to-day The Court decided that an alternative mandamu-should be issued to the Council, com-

ADVANCE IN NAILS.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 12.-The nail manuacturers of this city, at their meeting to-lay, advance rails to \$5, with the usual discounts.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

A COLORED MAN LYNCHED.

RALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—Grorne Pork (redored) has been taken from jul and hanged by a mob at Beallsville, Md. He was gunly of outrar-com assault.

Bellows Falls, Vi., Jan, 12.—The engine and all a train except the sleeping car went of the track near here on Saturday, owing to the breaking of aswitch rod. No one was injured. ESCAPE OF A EURGLAR.

BUFFALO, Jan. 12.—The burglar, James Mortimer who was recently arrested for committing a number of burglaries in this city last Spring, escaped from a police station this morning.

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SPRINGFILLD, Mass., Jan. 12.— The body of Thomas Canninghau, of Thompsonville, Coin... who was drowned with three companions on saturday, was found in the Connected River vesterday.

A WIFE FINDS HER HUSBAND DEAD.

DOYLASTOWN, Penns., Jan. 12.—Joseph Halfner, of Audaluda, was committed to jail last Similay evening on the charge of murdering Jacob Gerber. When his cell door was opened to day he Wasfound dead in bed, having cut his throat.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—A special dispatch to The Gazette says that while William Milliken and Heirry Craes, of Helleville, ind., wore Egiting about a dog on Saturday, Eiwood Milliken came to the assistance of his father and fataly stabled trane. He escaped without arrest.

THE ANNIE MORRIS SINKING.

FORTRESS MONROS, Va., Jan. 12.—The bark Aspedagor reports speaking January 0 the British schooner Annie Mortis, Demarara for New York with a cargo of sugar, fifty miles south of Cape Heary, dismasted and shifting. A boat from the bilg Excelsior was alongside reacting the crew

SUSPICION OF FOUL PLAY.

OTTAWA Ont., Jan. 12.—James Wickham, who had saved a little property, died at the house of one Graville and Graville gave out that he died of small por. Graville new produces a document bequeathing Wickham's property to him. The police are investigating.

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A SCHOONER IN DISTRESS.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 12.—Captain McKenzie, of the bark Aspotogon reports having passed, last Friday morning, about sixty-five miles sentineast of Cape Henry, the vehooner lizited Marries, of Paraborough, N. S., from Demerara bound to New York, with both masts gone. The prig Excelsion was near the schopner, and one of the brig's boats was taking off the crew of the disabled vessel.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY IN FAVOR. GRAVE DISCORD IN THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY

THE BERKSHIRE LIBERALS ABOUSED. The state of feeling throughout Europe in regard to the new French Ministry, the troubles in the Russian Imperial family, and the important meeting of Berkshire Liberals, with other topics of current interest, are referred to in the foreign news to-day. Russia has given explanations regarding the concentration of troops in Poland.

EUROPEAN TOPICS. THE RUSSO-GERMAN MISUNDERSTANDING-THE EM-

PRESS OF RUSSIA'S LAST WISHES-MR. WALTER, M. P., IN DESPAIR-FREE-TRADERS JUBILANT. FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.] London, Jan. 10.-There are still conflicting reports respecting the concentration of Russian troops on the German frontier. Russia denies that such is the case. There is no accurate information to be had, but the German Government has caused a statement to be published that it would be able to invade Poland in nine days after it began to mobil-

The Tory papers simultaneously discuss the alleged intended Russian movement on Mery, seeking to excite a fresh display of fiery feeling. These and other plarmist stories have been industriously propagated all the week, but they produce no serious diagnlet.

THE NEW PRINCIL MINISTRY. ong enough in office to elicita full exand seren-official paper throughout Europe accepts the Freyemet administration cordially,

from Cannes that she wishes to return to St. Petersbrated at the villa by the retinue of priests. The Duchess of Edinburgh gives parties, but devotes herself to her mother. The Duke quitted Cannes. The Duchess telegraphed her brother "Come to take leave of mother,"

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN'S HEALTH. Private reports from Madrid of the Queen's state grave neprehensions. Since the attempt on King Alphonso's life the Queen falls into fit after fit, but musters strength enough to appear publicly. and then relapses. She cannot endure the King's absence. Her condition is the more serious because na heir is expected.

THE ERITISH CRUELTIES. The Viceroy of India's telegram respecting General Roberts hanging prisoners of war is underdemonstrate the utter falsity of the charges made. | public indignation at these barbarities excites little attention except from Liberal papers,

> The meeting of Berkshire Liberals yesterday at Reading was composed of 200 representatives from all parts of the country, Mr. Walter's friends being included in the invitations that were sent to every comment Liberal. The chairman state I that the object of the meeting was to secure a candidate entitled to the confidence of the party, and pledged to oppose the Government's foreign policy. Sir George Young sustained Mr. Walter, but a resolution was ultimately carried unanimously to appoint a committee to select a new candidate. This compels Mr. Walter either to resign or stand against the Liberal nomines. Probably Mr. Ashton Dike will replace Mr. Walter. He is a youther brother of Sir Charles Dike. He is a graduate of Cambridge, and is cultivated, able, and an extreme Radical. He owns and edits The Weekly Disputch, supports Gladstone, and has wide influence among workingmen. He is wealthy and independent and has been repeatedly asked to represent various constituencies, but has heretofore refused. The feeling against Mr. Walter has been increased by his recent speech. He is now regarded as playing the part of Roebuck without Roebuck's ability. The efforts made by certain Liberal officials to boister Mr. Walter failed. Constituencies are more and more taking the control of nominations into

their own hands.

THE IRISH AGITATION.
Referring to Mr. Parnels's accusation that the police were guilty of murder at the Connemara riot, the Laberal papers accuse him of being accessory had the story been true. The announcement here that the receipts from the American meetings will be employed for political purposes produces a bad berough fund are still small. The total sum raised, including the Lord Mayor's fund, is £14,000 (867,-900). The report is still current that Lord Beacons field contemplates giving a quarter of a million pounds (\$1,212,250) from the Irish church surplus The public are apathetic, notwithstanding continued reports of outrages this week.

THE FREE TRADE HOPES.

The announcement of the introduction of bills in the House of Representatives at Washington, proposing the reduction of iron duties, rouses the liveliest bopes among British manufacturers. Leading journals in the iron districts hall the prospect once more of arresting the present development in American iron and steel manufacture. The Newcastle Chronicle declares it has reason to entertain great hopes of the success of these measures. It considers the free admission of iron ore as intended to secure a Canadian supply, but it would result in increasing the ore imports from England and Spain. If free ore were secured free coal would necessarily follow, with a general increase in English exports. The Chronicle declares these measures to be the most important news 'cabled " for a long time. The Economist says their effect upon the English iron trade would be enormous. It fears lest the proposals may be too favorable to English trade to have any chance of adop-

BRET HARTE IN ENGLAND. Bret Harte arrived in London in delicate health and left here on a visit to Newstead Abbey. G. W. S.

> FRANCO-GERMAN HOSTILITY. LONDON, Monday, Jan. 12, 1880.

A dispatch from Berlin to The Times says: Particular attention is now being paid here to the development of affairs in would remove National antipathies, and that war might be altogether avoided, but this hope has been much shaken by recent events in Prance. The new French Cabinet, and particularly M. de Freycines, the Premier,

MADRID, Monday, Jan. 12, 1880.

The Abolition Society has placarded throughout Madrid a petition really addressed to the Cortes, for the immediate and complete abolition of slavery in all the Spanish possessions. It is signed by Schors Pi-v Margall and Figueras and many other Republicans, and some Liberal West Indian members of the Chamber of

> RUSSIAN EXPLANATIONS. LONDON, Monday, Jan. 12, 1880.

A Berlin dispatch to The Pall Mall Gazette says Russia has been questioned relative to the concetration of troops in Poland, and has replied that, as there is no longer any danger of a collision with Turkey, the regiments hatherto stationed in Crimea and Besarrabia are mere, withdrawn to Poland as a more convenient district.

THE SITUATION IN PERU. Callao, Peru, Jan. 3, 1880. The Chilians have destroyed the facilities

for leading guano at the Lobes Islands. The army and the people have great confidence in the ew Government.

REFUSING AN INVESTIGATION. ACTION OF THE URGORLYN PRESBYTERY-DR. VAN

DYKE'S REQUEST DENIED. The Brooklyn Presbytery yesterday, after a long and heated discussion, denied to Dr. Var Dyke the investigation be asked for in reference The Presbytery assembled at half-past 3, in the Classon

with Prince Huhenlohe's speech congratulating M. Freyeiner, and is attributed to Prince Bismarck's inspiration. The French monnamed a member of the Pre-System, is not required to cither branch of the Legislature. Messrs, Wads-

ought to fail. Mr. Talmage could not be called upon to grave the truth of his alleged accusations; he could not be compelled as a wirress to criminate himself; that the uvestigation if granted would in its practical workings be uplust to Dr. Van byke. He should twice against this investigation, as at would take much time and would be an intolerable musance, a disgrave to the community, and a serious damine to religion; if would do Dr. Van Dyke no good and nobody any good, but it would do mmenae harm. Dr. Spear said that cossation from crimination and recrimination was needed; that it was time to cell a nulf. He would offer a rescitation that they found no charges against Dr. Ven Dyke which were worthy of investigation and that would fully vindicate him.

worthy of investigation not that would now you have.

The Rev. Arthur Crosby spoke in favor of granting Dr. Van Dyke's request. He said that Dr. Van Dyke's statements, is contained in his letter, were true to the knowledge of all present, and he was not the only one who suffered from this assault. The words of Mr. Talmange had carried abroad a false and injurious impression about certain men, and these had a right to an investigation by the Presovery.

Dr. Ludiow, the fermer moderator, said he wished all animosities to cease, and he offered a resolution as a substitute for that of Dr. Weils. It was to the effect that the Presbytery was not aware of any selecterious report about Dr. Van Dyke, and traternally declined to accede to his request.

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Dr. Ludow and others advocated this, and a warm discussion followed lasting until the Rev. Mr. Crosby fried to stop debate by moving the previous question on the first resolution. A point of order that the present question could not be had when an amendment was to be considered, was rused and sustained. Dr. Sherwood criteriaed Mr. Talmage and opposed the substitute; he advocated hyvestication in farmess and justice.

The Rev. Alfred Taylor, Dr. Charles Lord, Elder Orden, the Rev. Mr. McGullagh, Dr. Butler, Professor D. G. Eaton and Dr Cuyler, spake before the vote was taken. Dr. Ludiow's resolution was sightly changed, so that if read as follows:

Resolved, That the Presby tery not being aware of any report against the reputation of the Rev. Dr. H. J. Van Dyke, such as the section of the Book of Discipling giving authority for an lavestigation contemplated, and knowing nobling against his character, fraternally decline to accede to the request preferred in his letter.

This was carried by a vote of 19 to 3. Dr. Webs then made a beresuml explanation of the matters of his private history to which Mr. Talmage and referred. Mr. Talmage reviewed the whole subject of the afternoon's discussion, staing that for ten months he had endured such an ecclesiatical assault as few men had ever been subjected to such had enabled such an ecclesiatical assault as few men had ever been subjected to such had enabled such as eccept in such as the Presbytery and one out of it. He proposed that if the brethern would recal at the hard image they had said about him he would the back all he had ever autered and bury the past, in the name of Christ he asked them to do this any inspected to the Moderator fit his was aftered of dighting, and never founds in the hard things they had said about him he would fine would recal at the hard image they had said about him he would the back all he had ever attered and bury

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the f. Clerk Greene criticised Mr. Talmage's utterances fr. Crosby went out after giving notice o protest and complaint against the action of the Pres'sy ery. Professor Esten and that if Mr. Talmage world in the meant that it Mr. Talmage will build out what his opponents had stated about him that iery. Professor Eston said that if Mr. fallinge would find out what his opponents had shiefed about film that was not true they would take it back, and they would nak the same of him. Dr. Millard defended Mr. fallingae, and the latter repeated his proposition out said the orethren were not willing to ro half way and neet him, but he would go the whole way, and there and then, in he presence of the Presbytery and of God, he recelled everything that might have been unpleasant to any member of the Presbytery, of which he was the author.

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The Presbytery then adjourned to meet this morning in the same place at 9 a. in., after voting to hold the jext vulrterly meeting in the Tabernacie.

SENATOR LAMAR PARALYZED.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 12 .- A special dispatch to The Aratanche from Jackson, Miss., says Senator Lamar was stricken with paralysis last night. Considerable uneasiness is felt as to his condition. The attending physicians pronounce his case hopeful.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE WEATHER IN THE SOUTH.

NASHVILEE, Tenn., Jan. 12.—The first cold weather since Christians came upon the South to-day.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVAL.

HALIFAX, Jun. 12.—The steamer Minnesota, from Liverpool to Boston, put in here this afternoon short of coal. DEAWBRIDGE REPAIRED.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 12.—The broken draw-bringe at Woodbridge, where Tuesday's accident occurred, has been readjusted.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The women's six-day walking match at Sacramento close I last night. Tourtelotte won, with a score of 304 titles and 6 laps. Von berg was second, with a score of 329 miles and 3 laps.

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ASKING FOR WORK.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—A deputation of about fifty memployed workingmen waited on the Mayor to-day an asked for work. A mosting of citizens will shortly be field to make arrangements for farnishing them employment. make arrangements for farmining done compositions.

WORK ON THE WELLAND CANAL.

St. Catharine's, Ont., Jan. 12.—Messis. Banner man & Co., contractors of Section 33, welland Caula, at Por Colours, having completed the dam and pumped the wate out, 400 men will commence operations on the Work to-slay.

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MURDER AND SUICIDS.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 12.—Capitain W. G. Wilkinson, leader of the band at the National Soldiers Home, shot his wire and then himself some time during the night. Both ac-dead. Cause, domestic troubles.

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COMMISSIONS FOR CANADIAN CADETS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Government have been officially informed that successful students at the Kingston Multary College will receive commissions in the Sritish Army. The number, however, is limited to four each year.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Jan. 12.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg and Lake Eric Hailroad, held here to-day, resulted in the election of the old board and officers. All the differences in the board were adjusted.

AFFAIRS AT ALBANY.

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

STERNE'S RAILROAD BILL REJECTED. MEMBERS OF THE HEPBURN COMMITTEE DIS-SATISFIED WITH IT-THE MEASURE APPROVED BY NO MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

Much disatisfaction is expressed by members of the Hepburn Railroad Committee at the publication of a proposed bill, purporting to have met the approval of a majority of the committee. It turns out that the bill was drawn up by Simon Sterne, and has not been approved by any member of the committee. The committee has not yet prepared its report. The chairmen of the principal Senate committees are indicated in a dispatch appended. The Asembly committees are still incomplete.

MISLEADING THE PUBLIC. SIMON STERNE'S RAILROAD BILL REPUBLATED-NO BILL PREPARED YET. THY TELEGRAPH TO THE THIRDING.

ALBANY, Jan. 12 .- The members of the Hepburn Railroad Investigating Committee, who are new preparing their report for the Legislature, received to-day from Simon Sterne, counsel for the Chamber of Commerce, a printed copy of a bill for the reprepared. Mr. Sterne evidently desires the Committee to adopt the bill for their own and present it with their report to the Levislature. He will be disappointed in this wish, as Mr. Hepburn stated today, after a brief examination of the very voluminous document, that it did not correctly represent the views of the Comnuites on the railroad problem, and could not possibly be adopted. The proposed bill is, in fact, a revision of all the rathond laws of the State, and also has imbedded in it a plan for a Railroad Commission to supervise the railroads, These measures are so verbosely expressed that it is prebilts of similar inordinate length, that it will not get beyond its second reading if introduced in worth, Husted and Terry, the only other members bill had so recently come into their possession

that they had not time to examine it. They be-lieved, however, it the committee presented any bill it would be one of their own estaposition.

Mr. Heeburn stated that not a line of any bill regarding the radionals had yet been written by any member of the committee, and, furthermore, that their report itself was not yet completed, and would not be so much before Jennaty 20. The re-port is now being written by Mr. Herburn, who will submit it on its completion to the committee. The

would not be so much before January 20. The report is now being written by Mr. Hepburn, who will submit it on its competition to the committee. The committee has not held a meeting regarding their report for a forthight past.

Later-Several more members of the Railway Committee arrived in this city to-night. They were very indignant when informed of the publication of Mr. Sterne's bill concerning the railways as their own. Mr. Headurn acting as the spokesman of several of his fellow-members who had gathered in his room said: "The published bill is an embediment of Mr. Sterne's views and of his only: it in no way represents the views of the committee. Our investigation on led in December, and we gave the counset of the railways and Mr. Sterne has an opportunity to present argument, after its delivery, a bill for refereing the railways. Substantially it is a revision of the laws of the State recarding the railways would be swept away. The bill is the only portion of Mr. Sterne's argument that has yet reached us. He has handed it in just as attorneys hand briefs to judges, with a request that they be accepted. There have been instances of briefs having been accepted, but they are rare, and I don't think this one will be taken."

The members of the committee, in private conversation, expressed the opinion that the bill was full of crude ideas, which could not possibly find acceptance in the Legislature.

THE COMMITTEES.

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MITTEES-THE HOUSE LIST INCOMPLETE. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Jan. 12 .- The committees will be anounced in each house of the Legislature on Wede nesday morning. The Legislature reassembles tomorrow night. It is understood that the chairmanships of the chief committees of the Senate will be distributed as follows: Jediciary, Senator Robertson; Cities, Senator Woodin; Insurance, Senator Rockwell; Railroads, Senator Wagner; Commerce and Navigation, Senator Davenport;

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Canals, Senator Baker; Finance, Senator McCarthy;
Internal Affairs, Senator Lynde; Banks, Senator
Wendover; State Prisons, Senator Sessions.

The committees of the Assembly are yet in an inchoate condition. It is beineved that Ex-Speaker
Alvord will be made chairman of the Committee on
Ways and Means, Mr. Terry of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Varnum of the Committee on Cities, and
Mr. Chase of the Committee on Railways, and Mr.
Hurd of Canals.

Speaker Sharpe is busy on the committees. The labor is an embarrassing one this year, owing to the large Republican majority. To give satisfaction to all his party associates is of course the Speaker's nim, but it would seem impossible to do so with ninety-one Republicans to dispose of. Many of the members have obligingly filed with the Speaker a list of the committees they desire to serve upon. On Sunday the Speaker was visited at his home on Lancaster-st. by General Chester A. Arthur, John

ter-st. by General Chester A. Arthur John F. Smyth, Thos. C. Platt, Jacob M. Patterson, ir, and Edward M. Johnson. Doubtless they were able to give him much valuable information about the abilities of the members from their respective parts of the State.

The late trains Sauday brought Police Commissioners Jourdan and Leien, of Brooklyn, E. G. Tinker, Captain of the Port, General Heary A. Barbum, Harbor Master, Quarantine Commissioner Stears and Tax Cellector Tanner, of Brooklyn, it is understood, bave come here to get their Assemblymen on the chief commistees, while the port officials are interested in retaming their offices. General Arthur was summaned Sunday night to New-York by a telegram informing him that his wife was dangerously siek.

OPPOSING A THIRD TERM. MEETING OF THE ANTI-THIRD TERM CLUB.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The Auti-Third Term Club met in Martin Hall to-night and listened to an earnest address from Ex-Senator Hale, the president, in opposition to the nomination of General Gunt for President. Mr. Hale reviewed the administrations of the various Presidents and the political istrations of the various residents and the positional history of the country, arguing that the nomination of General Grant would be a dangerous departure from established customs of the people. Dr. John Swinebru, ex-ilealth officer, was elected treasurer of the club.

NARROW ESCAPE OF AN EXPRESS TRAIN.

Boston, Jan. 12.-The sudden breaking of a bell-wire on board the steamship Laneaster, in the harbor yesterday morning, came very near resulting in a terrible disaster to a passenger train on the New-York and New-England Railroad. The Lancaster, a large fron vessel, heavily louded with coal, had passed passed the Congress-st. draw and was approaching the milrond bridge, when the pilot rang to stop the engine. The wire broke, and the engineer failing to receive the signal, the vessel kept on, striking the bridge with great force. The timbers were badly twisted, the boit which locks the draw was broken, and the ratiroed tracks upon the bridge were bent about eighteen inches from their preper position. No one was upon the bride or near the scene at the time, and the Sunday morning inward pas-senger train was approaching but a few hundred feet senger train was approaching but a few numbered feet away. When but a train's length from the bridge the engineer noticed the disconnected rails. He reversed the engine and applied the air-brake, bringing the train of five cars to a stop about fifteen feet from the bridge. Had the train passed over, it would have been plunged into the water at the side of the track, and it being high ide at the time the loss of life would have been great. The steamship suffered but slight damage from the col-ision.

WHAT ST. LOUIS BONDS BRING.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 12.-Mayor Overstolz and Controller Adrian have disposed of \$100,000 in 5 per cent city bonds at a premium of \$1 25 per \$1,000. There are still \$375,000 in bonds unsoid. Tals is the first issue of 5 per cent bonds.